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[54] ULTRAVIOLET LIGHT ABSORBING SILICONE COMPOSITIONS

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[57] ABSTRACT

An ultraviolet light absorbing silicone composition comprising silicone elastomer and, covalently bonded thereto, ultraviolet light absorbing component derived from one or more vinyl functional, polymerizable ultraviolet absorbing monomers having the following structures:

and mixtures thereof, wherein X is selected from the group consisting of H, alkoxy radicals and halogen, R_1 is selected from the group consisting of H and alkyl radicals, provided that at least one of X and R_1 is other than H, and R_2 and R are independently selected from organic radicals with a terminal double bond.

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